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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FAA CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY SERVICE
MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT THREAT.

REF: STATE 117423/1

1. GENERAL PIERRE WALTER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
DIRECTOR GENERAL ABRAHAM FOR CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY,
REACTED FAVORABLY ON MAY 17 TO PROPOSED JUNE 7-8
MEETING IN WASHINGTON. HE THOUGHT THAT HE AND M.
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DIERICK, HEAD OF THE AIR AND FRONTIER POLICE AT THE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE
TRIP. LATTER'S PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER, WOULD PROBABLY
BE CONTINGENT UPON THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES; IF THAT LEVEL WERE LOWER THAN CHIEF
OF POLICE DIERICK WOULD PROBABLY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE

OF APPROPRIATE RANK.

2. IN A MEETING WITH FAA REPRESENTATIVE AND CIVIL AIR
ATTACHE GENERAL WALTER SUGGESTED THAT:

A) THE AGENDA INCLUDE -- IN ADDITION TO
DISCUSSION OF PASSENGER SCREENING TECHNIQUES -- A SURVEY
OF THE GENERAL TERRORIST THREAT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
AREA AS SEEN BY THE U.S. AND THE OTHER PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES;

B) INsofar AS THERE ARE CRITICISMS OF
APPROACHES IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WHICH MAY BE PASSED
ON TO PARTICIPANTS, THESE CRITICISMS WOULD BE MORE
EFFECTIVE IF BASED ON PASSENGER LETTERS OF COMPLAINT
RATHER THAN REPORTS OF OFFICIAL INVESTIGATORS;

C) EVEN THOUGH NOT A MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY,
THE FRG SHOULD BE INVITED IN VIEW OF ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE
IN THE SECURITY AREA AND ITS INTEREST IN ALL HIJACKINGS.
(DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WALTER EXPRESSED GRAVE
CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO
ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL SECURITY MEASURES, BUT FELT GERMAN
PRESENCE MIGHT PRODUCE THE ITALIANS TO DO BETTER SINCE
"THE ITALIANS DO NOT LIKE TO DISAPPOINT THE GERMANS.")

3. AT HIS REQUEST WE ARE ISSUING A WRITTEN INVITATION
TO GENERAL WALKER BASED ON REFTEL AND HOPE TO RECEIVE
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CONFIRMATION OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION PROMPTLY. IN VIEW
OF WALTER'S FEAR THAT INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL BE RANK
CONSCIOUS, PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF
LEVELS OF POLICE REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
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